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SUBJECT: OMANI REACTION TO ISRAELI STRIKE ON IRAQI NUCLEAR RESEARCH FACILITY
REF: (A) STATE 149399, (B) STATE 148815, (C) STATE 148763
1. (U) OMANI REACTION TO ISRAELI STRIKE ON IRAQI NUCLEAR FACILITY MORNING JUNE 9 WAS LIMITED TO NEWSPAPER REPETITION OF WIRE SERVICE REPORTS AND FACTUAL MUSCAT RADIO COVERAGE OF FOREIGN CONDEMNATION, INCLUDING "U.S. DENUNCIATION" OF ATTACK. REGULAR 2:30 PM NEWS BULLETIN INCLUDED FOLLOWING
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STATEMENT: QUOTE AN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRES HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE OMANI GOVERNMENT STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE ISRAELI AIR ATTACK AGAINST NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS IN IRAQ. THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THIS HIGHLY DANGEROUS ISRAELI AGGRESSION PROJECTS ISRAEL'S AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR AND DESIGNS AGAINST ALL THE ARAB COUNTRIES WITHOUT EXCEPTION AND (INDICATES?) THE OBSTACLES SHE IS PLACING IN THE WAY OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARAB WORLD. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE AGGRESSION ONLY ESCALATES THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND IS ANOTHER INDICATION OF ISRAEL'S UNWILLINGNESS TO ESTABLISH A DURABLE PEACE IN THE REGION.
THE SULTANATE OF OMAN, WHILE APPEALING TO ALL INTERNATIONAL FORCES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO PUT AN END TO ISRAEL'S ACTS OF
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AGGRESSION AGAINST THE ARAB COUNTRIES, SUPPORTS IRAQ'S CALL TO HOLD AN URGENT SESSION OF THE ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL IN BAGHDAD AT THE LEVEL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS. UNQUOTE

2. (U) BULLETING INCLUDED MENTION OF STATUS OF SUPPORT FOR IRAQ FROM NUMBER OF COUNTRIES AND FOLLOWING: -"FOR THE FIRST TIME WASHINGTON PUBLICLY CRITICIZED THE GOVERNMENT OF PRIME MINISTER MENACHEM BEGIN FOR MISUSING U.S. ARMS."

3. (U) EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED MFA WITH TEXTS OF U.S. STATEMENTS AND JUNE 8 PRESS REPORTING.

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